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Neither Scout Ships Nor Chinese Provision Junks Make Appearance.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST.

On Board the Steamer Haikou, off Port Arthur, April 6.—(By De Forrest Wireless Telegraph to Wei-Hai-Wei, April 6.)—"I have been cruising in the immediate vicinity of Port Arthur for fifty hours. The situation here is a most remarkable one, and but for the searchlights on Golden Hill, which illuminate the waters brightly, it might be thought that all the world was at peace. There is absolutely no evidence of hostilities, and we have not seen a single craft of any description belonging to either belligerent. Although we have been at sea ever since Saturday, we have failed to locate even a scout ship, which is very unusual, as heretofore when the fleets were not to be seen, the scouting boats were always cruising off the coast.

"Another singular feature is the absence of the large flotilla of Chinese junks, which, on all previous visits to these waters we have seen steering northwest, and which were usually laden with provisions for Port Arthur. None of these have been seen for two days."

A ROYAL LOVE AFFAIR.

Prince Can Visit Copenhagen Provided Princesses Are Not There.

Berlin, April 5.—Crown Prince Frederick William is going to Copenhagen in behalf of Emperor William to congratulate King Christian on his 80th birthday, April 8th. The Vessische Zeitung learns from the best source that the visit occurs only upon the condition that not one of the Cumberland Princes is present at Copenhagen. Negotiations to the engagement of the Crown Prince to Princess Alexandra were reported to have been in progress last year, but to have been broken off by the Duke of Cumberland, her father exciting the resentment of the Emperor.

LOVE'S LABOR LOST.

Foolish Swain Shares Secret With Too Many and Princess Is Immured.

Berlin, April 5.—Mattsasch, the former Lieutenant in the Austrian army whose intrigues with the Princess Louise of Cobourg (Belgian) forced her husband, Prince Phillip of Cobourg, to leave her detained in a private asylum at Coswig, a suburb of Dresden, Saxony, made an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the Princess several days ago. Mattasch arrived at Coswig in an automobile from Berlin, expecting the operation of a restaurant-keeper, but the latter told a third person, through whom the physician in charge of the asylum was informed of the facts in the case. After waiting for several days in the vicinity in which the Princess usually took a drive, Mattasch concluded that the attempt was useless now for the Princess was nowhere visible.

There were experiments at the St. Nicholas and Warsaw depots today in placing troops and taking them from trains to determine the rapidity with which mobilization can be carried out. Two battalions of infantry, two horse Guard batteries of artillery and a squad of cavalry were allowed 22 minutes to board a train of 48 cars and 17 minutes to leave it. The tasks were accomplished in the specified time.

The Emperor has ordered the payment of a gratuity amounting to 18 months' pay to the officers and men of the Varlig and Korletz.

Rumors have reached here which, however are unconfirmed, to the effect that a small anti-Jewish disturbance has taken place at Golon, in which about 100 Jews were attacked. A few died and according to reports, some Jewish butchers drew their knives and wounded four Christians. Several Jewish stores were destroyed, but there were no fatalities.

U. S. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Milwaukee, April 5.—Mayor Rose, Democrat, carried the city in the municipal election today, having a plurality of 5,912 over Guy D. Goff, Republican. The Democrats also control the municipal council. Reports from other parts of the state show Republican and Democratic victories about evenly divided.

Lansing, Mich., April 5.—Republicans elected their city officials.

CIVIC OFFICIALS RECEIVE DISMISSAL

Result of Trial at Calgary Causes Corporation's Officers to be Discharged.

Winnipeg, April 5.—As a result of the trial given by Chief Justice Sifton in the recent case of a forged lottery and revelation made in the trial, City Clerk McMullan, City Auditor F. R. Exham and City Solicitor G. B. Smith are dismissed.

J. H. Cavarnay, manager of the Hudson's Bay stores, is dead aged 42. Deceased was born near Kingston, Ont., and came West during C. P. R. construction. He was prominent in A. O. U. W. and Masonic circles.

Seedling will commence in southern Manitoba on the 10th. The weather is warm and the snow is fast disappearing.

The license commissioners have decided to ignore Judge Myer's order to cease the Non-Stop Liquor license.

Today, addition to Metcalf & Son's eleventh at Portage la Prairie here yesterday, scattering 10,000 bushels of oats on the ground.

Ranson's stables at Carberry were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$2,000. All the horses were saved.

Mrs. Smith, widow of Rev. A. Smith, and mother of Dr. Bruce Smith, of Brockville asylum, died at Port Arthur. The interment takes place in Seaford. Sunday car will be run between Fort William and Port Arthur, commencing on April 17th.

BATTLESSHIP LAUNCHED.

New York, April 5.—The United States battleship Virginia was successfully launched today.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE.

New York, April 5.—The Seismological Observatory at Potsdam registered yesterday at 11:07 an earthquake shock of unusual violence, estimated to be at a spot thousands of miles distant.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 5.—Premier Laurier, in

the House today, presented the modifi-

cation of the Grand Trunk Pacific

contract. In doing so he spoke of trans-

portation being the most important ques-

tion before parliament. A transconti-

nental road was the most pressing of all.

There was also the question of develop-

ing the waterways and connecting Yukon

to the western centre of Canada.

As for the modifications, they were ne-

cessary to the financing of the Grand

Trunk Pacific owing to the changed

condition of the money market. These

arrangements were not otherwise impor-

tant.

M. L. Borden strongly criticized the

modifications. He said the undertaking

would cost the country \$150,000,000 in

all. He moved in amendment that

government exercise its rights should

be freed from political control, that the

House should not ratify the proposed

amended contract, but instead that there

should be immediate construction and

control by the Dominion of such line of

railway in the West to the Pacific as

the country required; that the Inter-

colonial be extended to Georgian bay

and thence to Winnipeg; that the gov-

ernment system be extended in the

maritime provinces and Quebec, and that

the canal system and inland waterways

be extended, terminals on the Atlantic

and Pacific to be equipped; that the

country between Quebec and Winnipeg

be thoroughly explored with a view to

constructing such lines as were nec-

essary, and that the government, for ac-

complishing all these should, in the

present, get expert advice and assistance.

Advised to the government received

yesterday stated that the Russian com-

mmissioners have withdrawn from their

untenable position on the Bering Sea

sailing question. The only question

which the commission had to determine

was the question of compensation due

to the British Columbia sealers who suf-

fered unlawful seizure at the hands of

Russians over ten years ago. The

Russians desired to introduce certain

other matters, but, acting under instruc-

tions from Ottawa, the Canadian repre-

sentatives insisted upon continuing the

negotiations to the actual amount of

damage sustained. It is now learned

that some of the claims have been ad-

justed. They will have to be confirmed

by the Czar's government and for the

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Bombardments As A Diversion

Correspondent Represents Port Arthur as Disappointed at Togo's Absence.

Manchuria Strikingly Full of Active Life and Troops Want Fight.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur who returned to the fortress yesterday from a trip through Southern Manchuria, telegraphs that that country is strikingly full of active life, that the troops are vigorous and healthy and animated by a desire for active operations and that the free native population, including that of the commercial world, is inclined to Russia and full of fear of the Russian arms. The correspondent says: "The Chinese volunteer militia wear special uniforms with epaulettes bearing the Russian national flag. The natives provide provisions freely and are selling horses brought from the surrounding country. The mandarins are an exception to this general rule, as they are trying to carry water on both shoulders. As their conduct is passive it does the Russians no harm."

The correspondent says the railroad workers regularly. He continues: "Sentries are posted at the boundary and are doing duty in the neutral zone dividing China and Manchuria. The weather is warm and the rivers are open. In Port Arthur all is quiet and the inhabitants have become accustomed to a state of war, though some of them are impatient that the enemy has been for so long at time invisible."

In the second telegram the correspondent gives details of the last attempt of the Japanese to block the harbor which failed. The account says the torpedo boat Resolute sank one of the Japanese destroyers and tells of how Lieut. Krivitsky of the Silihi, though wounded, went to one of the stranded Japanese ships to care for the twelve Japanese wounded. Surgeons were sent to the other vessel.

MURDERED MESSENGER BURIED

San Francisco, April 5.—The funeral services over the body of the late W. J. O'Neill, the Wells-Fargo messenger who was killed last Thursday evening in the hold-up of the Oregon express at Copley, were held today and were very impressive. The papers of his former home on Hayes street were filled with floral tributes from his friends and former assistants.

Entering the Wedge.

London, April 6.—The Daily Mail says there is reason to believe that in the forthcoming budget, Austen Chamberlain, the chancellor of the exchequer, will propose an import duty on petroleum and petroleum products probably of a penny per gallon.

BRITISH CONSUL FULLY SUSTAINED

An American Missionary Corroborates Mr. Casement's Congo Indictments.

Louisville, Ky., April 5.—Dr. W. M. Morrison, a southern Presbyterian missionary to the Congo Free State, in speaking to the Presbyterian Ministers' Association here, gave an impressive recital of the alleged barbarities practiced upon the natives of the Congo Free State. Dr. Morrison said: "Leopold has there a native cannibal army of 20,000 men officered by white Belgians, and armed with repeating rifles. These men are forced into this military service. In turn, the Belgians call upon us to compel the natives to bring in enormous tributes of ivory and India rubber. It is worth noting that the King of Belgium is today reputed to be the largest dealer in ivory and rubber in the world."

I have seen a number of times at least 50,000 people fleeing into the forests to escape from the cannibal soldiers. Most awful cruelties are practiced. Innocent women and children are killed or captured, hands are cut off to be taken back to the white Belgian officers to show that the work had well done, and many scenes are being depicted. One of these raids was made near one of our mission stations. One of our missionaries went to the scene and counted 81 hands cut off and drying over a fire, to be taken back to the Belgian officers. Forty-five dead bodies were counted lying nearby."

The Belgian and Congo government, he said, would do nothing. He added: "At the request of Lord Lansdowne I prepared a statement of such outrages as had come under my own observation. Consul Roger Casement, an English and acting American representative in the Congo State, has made a tour of investigation, and his report, in the hands of our government at Washington, presented a most deplorable situation of affairs. As a government we do something to the 20,000,000 black people in the Congo State. What are we going to do?"

DOG MEAT BARRED.

Strange Prerogatives of Philippine Savages at World's Fair.

St. Louis, April 5.—After investigating the intention of those persons in charge of the savage Igorotes from the Philippine Islands to furnish their charges with dogs for food during the World's Fair, the Humane Society officers, today formally gave notice that prosecution would follow every attempt to furnish dogs as food. The society said that if the Igorotes must have dog meat it must be imported in cans from their native land. John H. Eimell, special agent for the Woman's Humane Society of Missouri, stated that he was offered a bowl of good soup by the cook for the Igorotes, but declined to partake of it.

WOMAN CONFESSES CRIME.

Mrs. Doctor Tells Son Francisco Story of an Ohio Kidnapping.

San Francisco, April 5.—A woman giving the name of Helen Peacock called at the central police station this evening, saying she was from Cleveland, Ohio, where she had shot and killed a woman about six months ago, who had stolen her husband's affections, and she now wished to give herself up for the crime. She was detained by the police who have communicated with the Cleveland authorities.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All drugs cost refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25 cents.

CAPTAIN LUND DROWNED.

San Francisco, April 5.—Capt. Stenzel Lund, master of the ship Big Bonanza, was drowned some time Saturday night while attempting to board his vessel that had lain an anchor all winter at Anticape.

BOOMING MILES.

Indianapolis, April 5.—Indiana prohibitionists' convention nominated their state ticket today. Boom for a national ticket composed of General Nelson A. Miles for president, and Felix T. McWhorter, of Indiana, for vice-president, was started and received with enthusiastic applause.

Japs on the Yalu.

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

Tokio, April 6.—It is announced at the war office that a force of 20,000 Japanese has arrived at Chang Sung on the south bank of the Yalu. The forward movement was slightly opposed by a force of Cossacks, but the latter confined their operations to long range rifle firing which for the most part was ineffective. The Cossacks slowly retired before the Japanese advance, apparently not being strong enough to successfully engage it.

A Good Exhibit From Victoria

Local School Children Make Fine Display at the Teachers' Institute.

Annual Convention of Association Now in Progress in Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., April 5.—The teachers' convention which opened today at Reid's hall is the largest ever held by the provincial institute.

At the morning session President Stewart delivered a fine address on the development and training of children.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Wilson, M. Nelson; Vice-president, A. C. Thompson; Rossland; second vice-president, W. H. McCay; Grand Forks; third vice-president, E. Stuart Wood; Kamloops; secretary, Miss K. Scanlon, Nelson; treasurer, A. E. Miller, Revelstoke; executive committee, A. Sullivan, Nelson; John Shaw, Nanaimo; Miss M. English; Kaslo; Miss H. Olding, Clinton; C. Fulton, Vernon.

In the afternoon Superintendent Robinson gave a scholarly address on Vancouver's voyages, and this evening Dr. Blair, art master at the Normal school, read a paper on aesthetic vs. industrial drawing.

The following programme was observed:

General Sessions—10 a. m.—President's opening address; enrollment of officers.

2 p. m.—Piano solo, Miss Annie C. Kirkland; address, A. Robinson, B. A., superintendent of education; vocal solo, Mrs. Kingshaw-Thompson; a Means of Art Education"; Miss Mills; Art Mistress R. C. A., London, S. M. Reception to visiting teachers by the Vancouver city staff.

The exhibition of the Victoria schools is an exceptionally good one, says the News-Advertiser. It is quite unique in its way, as it represents work which is never exactly duplicated. A feature of this display is the large number of specimens of combination work, flowerers, leaves or twigs, woven in a piece of paper, and on the end of a piece of paper, reproduced them in life-size drawings, thus the original object and the picture stand continually side by side for comparison. A special study in fruits is also well worth noticing, a number of familiar fruits having been analyzed, and their constituent parts drawn one by one. A collection of seaweed pinned upon the wall in various shapes and designs is very pretty. Art is represented from the primitive, drawing, color drawing, geometric, diagram, are all there. A Principal Eaton explained, the object has been to take the children up by interesting stages till they could use their knowledge either for purposes of industry or art. As specimens of industrial skill he showed some handsome wall-paper designs, the work of Victoria pupils. Nor are the plastic arts neglected, for on a table in the main hall and many specimens of clay modeling. There is also a box containing on a clay model of eggs, and many similar curiosities of that kind. At one of the tables are a number of these small models made from a composition of starch and salt, which hardens to the appearance of marble, and makes very pretty ornaments. As a specimen of useful work by small girls there is a doll's wardrobe, as neatly made as anyone could wish. This kind of work, though it is undertaken by the girls in pleasure, is unconsciously preparing them for larger work, as far as it goes to mature years. On the whole, the Victoria exhibition worthily illustrates that attempt to combine the aesthetic and utilitarian, which is so marked a feature in modern schools.

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THE KENNEL.

Annual Show Today.

The third annual show of the Victoria Kennel Club opens today at the Philharmonic Hall, on Fort street. The number of entries, which exceeds that of last year by twelve, is in itself a fair criterion of what the show will be, viz: the best ever held here.

The dogs with the largest number of entries is the cocker spaniel breed with 63 dogs entered. The Portland cocker kennels are showing the New York winner Mepals Saxon. Mrs. Sharples, of Seattle, is showing the well-known parti-color Bud Zubits, besides several others. Against these will be placed the best from the kennels of Messrs. Goochlin, Creighton, Gar- esche and Litchfield.

Fox terriers come a good second with 58 entries, closely followed by English setters with 53 entries, including T. P. McCone- nell's ch. Albert's Rosalind, C. W. Miner's Zulu Montez, and John Riplinger's ch. El- jorice. In the open dogs there will be keen competition between John Riplinger's Sty- ling, Mrs. A. S. and Mr. McConeill's prize winner, Gemini, Reggy.

Collies are strongly represented and many very valuable dogs from outside points are being shown. Ravenswood, whom his own- er values at \$5,000, being one. Thomas S. Griffiths of Spokane has sent from the Glen Tann Kennels, Spokane, a magnificent lot of dogs. These famous canines have everything to offer. Mr. Donald McGregor, who represents Mr. Griffiths, and who is here showing the dogs, was seen last evening. He says that while Ravenswood won only one open first at Vancouver, in which he had no dog to enter, that his dog Bo-peep won in the class best collier in the show. The following is the list of the prizes secured at Vancouver's Grand Kennel Show, awarded by Mr. Griffiths: 9 months old, three firsts and one second; Bo-peep, one special and one second to Bo-peep and reserve winners. Bo-peep, limit open and winner for winners, defeating Ravenswood, Sentinel, one second and one third.

Monk is a nine-month old pup, was sold to Mr. E. Ricketts, manager of the Vancouver Open House. For considerably over \$1,000, the highest figure ever paid for a collie in B. C. Mr. Ricketts also purchased Black Baby at a very good figure for a nine months old puppy. Mr. Griffiths has reserved the right to show these dogs under his own name for the balance of the circuit.

Mr. John Davidson, a judge with over 30 years' experience, will decide the winners.

BASEBALL.

Intermediate League Meeting.

A meeting of the Intermediate League was held in Chief Watson's office last evening, with the chief in the chair. The following clubs were represented: Fernwoods, Victoria West, Y. M. C. A. and Hillside.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Kingman, Northcote and Shanks was appointed to revise the by-laws. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, His Worship Mayor Barnard; president T. Watson; vice-president, C. F. Banfield; treasurer, A. Shanks; secretary, K. Hughes. The president and secretary were appointed to secure a trophy for the league. Instructions were given to the secretary to send a letter of commendation to the family of the late Mr. McCallum. The Fernwoods delegates gave notice to amend the constitution at the next meeting.

Messrs. McConnell and Jacobson were empowered to arrange about grounds for the season.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Penalty Rule.

So much dissatisfaction has been expressed by both spectators and players during the season at the way the penalty rule has been ruled, on the references at the local section matches that a copy of the rules has been obtained and the rules extracted:

9. Neither tripping, kicking nor jumping at a player shall be allowed. A player may kick excepted shall not intentionally handle the ball under any pretense whatever. A player shall not attempt to hold or pull an opponent. A player shall not be changed from behind, unless he is facing his own goal and is at sea. Intentionally impeding an opponent, cases of handling the ball and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and changing an opponent from behind, may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so NO PENALTY KICK MUST BE AWARDED. Rule 16. In the event of an infringement of law 9 by the defending side within the penalty area, the referee shall award the opponents a penalty kick, which shall be taken from the penalty kick mark under the following conditions: All players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the opponents, shall keep out of the penalty area. The ball must be kicked forward. The ball shall be in play when the kick is taken and a goal may be scored from a penalty kick; but the ball shall not be again played by the kicker until it has been played by another player. If necessary, time of play shall be extended to adult of penalty kick is taken. A free kick shall be given if the ball is not kicked forward or is played a second time by the player, who takes the penalty kick, until it has been played by another player. THE REFEREE MAY REFRAIN FROM PUTTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LAW INTO EFFECT WHERE HE IS SATISFIED THAT BY ENFORCING THEM HE WOULD BE GIVING THE DEFENDING SIDE VANTAGE TO THE OPPONENTING SIDE.

Surely, in the forming there can be no possible doubt in the mind of any intelligent person that the coating of many of the local referees that any foul in the penalty area by the defending side, that the referee has no option but to give a penalty kick, is absurd. A great many

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English Cup Semi-Finals.

Sheffield Wednesday were defeated by Manchester City at Goodison Park, Liverpool, by three goals to nil. Bolton Wanderers defeated Derby county at the Maineau grounds, Wolverhampton, by one goal to nil.

At Liverpool there were about 50,000 spectators—the "gate" amounting to \$8,500, and at Wolverhampton about 20,000 spectators, the "gate" being \$4,300.

The other semi-final of Wednesday's defeat was hardly expected by Manchester fully deserved their victory, and will in all probability carry off the trophy final for which is to be played at the Crystal Palace on April 23. The hopes of Derby County obtaining the coveted trophy have again been rudely dashed, and Bolton Wanderers, a Second League club with an indifferent record this season, may be accounted decidedly fortunate to find themselves in the last two.

The Welsh League.

The struggle between the clubs at the bottom of the first division of the League to render themselves secure against de- position to the second division is becoming more acute every week. Small Heath by their consistent form in recent matches have practically placed themselves out of danger but it is likely to be a long hard fight between Stoke, Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion for the right to remain within the circle.

The Albion are in the worst plight, but Stoke and Liverpool are running a neck-and-neck race, and at present they are level on points, although the Potters possess the better goal average.

At the other end of the table the Cup-
winning opposition, Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City are running a great race for the championship. City are two matches in hand over four points behind the Yorkshires, so that there is really

very little to choose between them, but on the principle that matches actually won are better than prospective victories, the Wednesday are deservedly favorites, especially as the Lancastrians will probably devote their entire energies to winning the Cup.

LACROSSE.

Annual Meeting Tonight.

The Victoria Lacrosse Club will hold their annual meeting tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. room on Broad street. The business to be considered will be to receive the reports of the sub-committees formed two weeks ago, also to elect the officers for the ensuing season and to discuss the reorganization of the team. It is expected that very favorable reports will be made by the various committees.

Replies have it understood been received from several good players in the East, who are willing to throw in their lot with Victoria, provided situations for them can be secured here. It is earnestly requested that all who have the interest of the great national game at heart will endeavor to attend the meeting tonight.

BASKETBALL.

A Challenge.

The Cleveland Junior basketball champions will play an exhibition game with our the Juniors of the city club that competed for honors. They will play for the whole percentage or nothing. The game to be played in the Drill Hall on the 16th of April.

THE RING.

Dutch Champion's Plaque.

Pittsburgh, April 5.—Herr Placke, the champion boxer, made a short visit to the Lenox Club, standing six inches taller and weighing over 50 pounds more than his opponent, he was beaten almost insensibl in less than four minutes. Placke never laid a glove on McCoy except Placke never laid a glove on McCoy except round ended Placke's both eyes were

The going saved him from being knocked out in the first round. After carried to his corner only to be knocked out ten seconds after the opening of hostilities in the second round, Placke announced his weight as 212½ pounds and McCoy 163.

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big investments.—Mr. McInnes, of Australia, will be here on the next incoming steamer to invest more property. Mr. McInnes intends to invest in British Columbia \$500,000. He has already at Vancouver built fifteen or twenty houses to rent, bought a ranch up country and is building a hotel.

FAREWELL CONCERT.

A splendid programme has been arranged for Mr. Burnett's Concert.

The farewell concert to be tendered to Mr. G. Jennings Burnett at the Institute hall on Tuesday, the 19th inst., will be a most successful affair. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has kindly consented to be a patron and will attend his health will permit.

The following ladies and gentlemen have kindly assisted them in the preparation, which will be of unusual merit: Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Messrs. W. E. Green, D. E. Campbell, Greson, Burnett, and Messrs. A. T. Goward, Jesse A. Longfield, Edgar J. Fawcett, Larrikin, Herbert Taylor, Herbert Kent, Frank T. Watkin and W. Allen.

With such a list of talent on a programme, it is safe to expect a very large audience. Mr. Burnett's popularity with Victoria musicians is quite sufficient, but backed by such a galaxy of entertainers one of the most successful concerts ever given here is assured.

LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION.

Final Meeting of the Organization Committee Held Last Evening.

The final meeting of the organization committee of the proposed Lifeboat Association was held last evening at the office of the honorary secretary, Mr. Joseph Pearson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted and the report to be presented at the public meeting to be held this evening at the city hall was discussed and improved. His Worship the Mayor will take the chair, and it is most earnestly hoped that the citizens will attend this meeting and assist the organizers of this most worthy object by thoroughly discussing the advisability of forming a permanent institution for life saving purposes for this city.

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Local News.

Mother's Club.—The Mothers' Club will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at Spring Ridge school. Subject: "What Shall We Do With Our Children?" by Mrs. Charlton. All interested are cordially welcome.

Bonded Claims.—Mr. H. Cecil, who has bonded the Erb claims at the back of Gladysmith, is in the city. He says the claim is opening up fine and the vein already shows quite three feet of beautiful ore.

Ministerial Association.—The meeting of the Ministerial Association, which was called for Monday morning, was postponed on account of the lack of a quorum. It was decided to announce the meeting for Monday, May 2nd.

Another Man.—In connection with the letter which appeared some days ago signed "America" it is understood that the individual concerning whom the complaint was made was in no way connected with the squadron in these waters.

Public Meeting.—This evening in the city hall at 8 o'clock a public meeting of the Lifesaving Association will be held. The chair will be taken by His Worship Mayor Barnard. The reports and recommendations of the organizing committee will be submitted and considered and other general business transacted.

Crystal Theatre.—The little theatre in the Dawson block, Yates street, has been the scene of considerable interest for the past two days. The new film has proven to be one of more than ordinary interest and while every number is brimful of mirth, the Ray's seem, if anything, to be the favorites in this week's programme. Bay Ray is a most wonderful child and in herself fully repays the time and money spent in seeing her. The moving pictures are every interesting.

Miss Hassard Dead.—After a brief illness the death occurred on Monday evening of Miss Harriet Hassard. She was employed by Mrs. Vigor as saleslady, and her death will be regretted by a wide circle of acquaintances. Deceased was 49 years of age and a native of Toronto, Ont. She leaves a sister living in Victoria, and other relatives residing in Ontario. The funeral has been arranged to take place tomorrow afternoon from the parlor of the B. C. Furniture Furnishing Company, and later from the Reformed Episcopal church.

Work at Crow's Nest.—The work at the Crow's Nest mine is progressing favorably, according to Mr. McEvoy, mineralogist for the company, who is in the city on business for a few days. The only difficulty encountered is a shortage of cars, due in no small measure to the snow blockade, which have been characteristic of the winter. While the general increase in the output of the mines may be expected to reach about 50 per cent a year, this year's advance in production will, Mr. McEvoy thinks, amount to about 100 per cent.

"Mark Down" Social.—Last evening the Mark's Auxiliary of the Metropolitan church held a very interesting and amusing "Mark Down" social in their schoolroom. The social was quite out of the ordinary from those usually held, and was enjoyed very much by all present.

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FINANCING THE WAR.

Among the speculations that are occupying the attention of the statesmen and people in other countries about the events of the war between Russia and Japan, is that regarding the manner in which the two countries will attempt to raise the vast sums of money that will be expended by both Russia and Japan in carrying on the struggle. While Russia is generally regarded as having resources far greater than those that her antagonist possess, there are circumstances that tend to reduce that superiority if it really exists. Japan is near the arena where the fighting will be done, whether by sea or land, while Russia has to transport her troops and all their supplies over a distance of five thousand miles. The Japanese armies can also be fed at a lower cost per man than the Russian forces. These things will mean a great deal in the relative cost of the war, if long continued, to the two countries. And it would seem that the Japanese Government realizes that the war will be a long one and is making its financial arrangements on that basis.

The Russian Government can doubtless carry on war for some time without having recourse to a foreign loan. It has accumulated a large stock of gold in connection with its reform of the currency, and it can make this available for war expenditures by issuing large amounts of paper money. It can also postpone the prosecution of public works of various kinds and utilize the money that would have been expended on them for war purposes. But this course will lessen employment and thereby increase the distress already acute in some parts of the Empire. Russia is still almost purely an agricultural country, notwithstanding M. Witte's efforts to build up great industrial enterprises. But agricultural operations are carried on in very primitive manner, owing to the fact that the peasants are too poor to buy modern implements. Added to this the soil of Russia proper is poor and has been rendered infertile by repeated cropping, so that the yield of grain is less per acre than in any other country in Europe, being only about one-third the yield obtained in England. The grain export from Russia has only attained its volume because the peasants are obliged to sell so large a proportion of their crops to meet the taxes and other obligations, that they are underfed and famines are not infrequent. It will not be possible, therefore, for the Government to raise the rate of taxation without incurring serious danger of creating great popular dissatisfaction. An immense annual sum has to be sent abroad to pay the interest on her loans, it being estimated that from France alone Russia has borrowed the enormous sum of \$1,500,000,000 during the last few years. New loans will increase this burden but a long war will make further borrowing unavoidable. In regard to financial strength, Russia is like a man of great stature but with weak digestion and consequent sluggish action.

Letters to the Editor.

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Sir.—The layman seeking to authorise a further outlay of \$400,000 on the public schools of Victoria will be laid before the property owners on the 14th inst., and it would be well for the voters to grasp all the facts of the case before deciding to support the loan or reject it.

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A very influential meeting was held in London quite recently, to discuss this very question, and it was conceded that the vast majority of the pupils attending the public schools had acquired sufficient knowledge which could be put to practical use to them in after life between the ages of 12 and 14, by which time they were able to earn their own living. The consensus of opinion was in favor of limiting the age, at which education in these schools should be free, to 14, it is now 15, though a large proportion of those attending that meeting considered that 12 should be the limit. There is suggestion of providing pupils from the public schools after the age of 14 with advantages they could derive by further attendance, but it is contended that after these facilities have been freely placed at their disposal for 8 or 10 years the parents or guardians of these pupils must be held responsible for any failure on their part to have made reasonable use of the facilities within their power. And if they do not make use of these opportunities for their special advancement in life, their children should contribute their small quota towards the maintenance of these public schools, which would otherwise become over-crowded and mere rendezvous for play and games.

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present debt is very small. Her trade is rapidly increasing. Taxation has not been heavy and the capacity of the people to bear an increased burden is stated by competent authorities to be very considerable. As we have pointed out, Japan has already arranged for the war expenditure to the end of this year without the necessity of making a foreign loan. Japan's credit is comparatively high at the present time but, of course, what it will be in nine months or a year from now will depend very greatly on the course of events and on the probability of her being ultimately successful in her struggle with Russia. Should the war not be confined to the original combatants, but other powers be drawn into the conflict, Japan might be relieved from a continuance of the heavy war expenditures. But at present there does not appear to be anything to indicate that there is any likelihood of such an unfortunate occurrence as a great international conflagration would be, but that the dispute will be fought out by Russia and Japan alone.

ANOTHER ONTARIO SCANDAL.

The Ontario government does not appear to be able to keep itself clean of scandals. The past two years have been marked by incidents in connection with Mr. Ross' administration that must be deplored by Conservatives and Liberals alike, as bringing discredit on the country. Now another scandal is being investigated by a committee of the Provincial Legislature, and although the Government majority on the committee may present a report designed to exonerate the Government, or, at least, to slay over the most damaging parts of the evidence brought out in the investigation, the public will not fail to realize that the circumstances of the matter which is being investigated are most discreditable to the administration and its officials. It will doubtless be within the recollection of our readers that some months ago the Ontario Government decided to pay the cause for wages and salaries of the employees of the various enterprises at Saul Ste. Marie, which, owing to poor management or lack of sufficient capital, had been compelled to suspend operations and were unable to meet their obligations. In order to alleviate the distress which arose from thousands of people being unable to obtain their wages, the Government decided to pay the amounts due, so that the distress might be relieved and an opportunity given for a scheme to be evolved for the resumption of operations at these great works. Now it has transpired that the pay rolls on which the Government's agent disbursed large sums of money, were "padded" by the additions of the names of members of legal firms that had been retained by the companies, and by the names of contractors and other creditors. Nor was this all. It has been shown in the evidence before the committee that the salaries of many of the officials of the companies were raised on the pay rolls that the Government found the money 70%, beyond the scale which had previously been in force. Thus one employee who had been paid previously \$250 a month, was put down for \$400 as soon as it was known that the Government would pay similar substantial increases were made in other cases. Altogether the Ontario administration seems sadly to have deteriorated since the days of Sir Oliver Mowat, and it is not surprising that throughout the Province the feeling is growing that it is time for a change.

It is to be hoped that there will be a large gathering of citizens at the City hall this afternoon to receive the report of the committee appointed some time ago to look into the matter of organizing a permanent Lifeboat Association in Victoria. The subject is one in which every citizen, as a resident of a seaport town, is deeply interested. It is understood that the committee have, after considerable trouble, secured much useful information bearing on the workings of similar associations in other parts of the Empire, and the results of their labors will be laid before the meeting.

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government assuming the responsibility for the salaries of high officials at \$30,000 a year, \$30,000 a year and so on? What possible excuse can be found for the payment of the wages of hundreds of men for two months while the works were shut down and the men were idle? The charge even is made that some salaries were increased when it became known that the Ontario government would pay them—Montreal Star.

T. R. Stockett, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., is at Butte, Montana this week looking up more markets for coal and coke. The company is now shipping about 300 tons of coke per day to the Butte smelters, and there is yet a market available in that quarter for at least 600 tons per day. The rapid development of the coal mining industry has so increased the production of coal and coke that the Boundary smelters are longer hardly making half of it, and since the Boundary smelters are running short handed at present owing to repairs and the heavy snowfall which retards the transportation of ores.—Pine Tree Free Press.

A fatal accident occurred in the bush about two miles from Morrissey Mines on Sunday. J. G. Eddy, a young Scotcher, being struck by a falling tree resulting in his death a few hours later.—Morrissey Star.

According to the International Miner, a New York publication, the British-American Gold Mining & Trading Company is no more, and its Lightning Creek properties will now be operated under the name of the Great Cariboo Gold Co. of New York. The International Gold Co. had a large number of miners employed, but forward as far as possible for more school accommodation this was an actual decrease of 30 in the total number of pupils attending these schools. It is therefore apparent that with proper regulations there should be ample accommodation for the decreasing number of pupils attending these public schools. We may note, too, that pupils in the mining number are leaving school away from Victoria to Vancouver, to Duncan to Yale, Toronto, Montreal and even to Quebec. Many of those who have employed pupils from the High School do not speak at all satisfactorily of the results attained, and a look at the placard outside the new Carnegie Library will show that one's schooling has not secured creditable results. There is, therefore, no sufficiently well founded claim to any further outlay on the public schools of Victoria at the present time.

The point to be aimed at is to compel the School Board to make the "High School more or less self-sustaining," as provided by Sec. 41 of the School Act and to reduce the statutory age in the graded schools from 16 to 14. This would alleviate all difficulties in maintaining schools intended to relieve the burden on the tax-payers. The only means of remedy seems to be, to refuse absolutely all further legislation for any additional school accommodation until these reforms are satisfactorily secured, and the annual ordinary estimates are reduced to reasonable and commensurate limits. The voting at the polls is the only way by which the taxpayers can express their views with no uncertain voice.

THOS. C. SORBY,
Victoria, April 5th, 1904.

THE INJURED CHINAMAN.

Sir.—A China boy was unprovokedly assaulted by a number of white boys, and in the scuffle was run over by a Fort street car, resulting in one of his legs having to be amputated, the foot of the other leg being much injured and saved from amputation with difficulty. He was in anything, and forced to depend on charity and endure such physical suffering.

Mr. George H. Williams, for the Chinese, has offered to pay the medical expenses of the boy, and the directors of the Brooklyn group, and the Chinese acting for the injured boy were advised to accept this.

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Local News.

(Meet on Friday.—The ministering circle of the King's Daughters will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson, 51 George street, on Friday afternoon next from 3 to 6 o'clock. A good programme has been arranged and tea will be served.)

Changed Date.—The date for the concert to be given by the Ladies' Choral Society has been changed from Wednesday, April 13th to Monday, April 18th. The concert will be given in the Institute hall. The regular practice will be held this afternoon.

"Elijah" Practice.—Tonight the regular weekly practice for the Ontario "Elijah" will be held at Waithe's hall on Government street. On account of the shortness of time remaining for preparation it is hoped that there will be a good turnout.

Police Court.—Yesterday morning at the Police court Yan Gim alias Yan Koy was sentenced to one month's hard labor on a charge of vagrancy. The said individual was up for checkered service week. After being committed on a charge of assisting one of His Majesty's subjects to desert, he was convicted, fined \$80, in default three months' imprisonment. Petrie Marginsion was fined \$25 for being drunk on the public streets.

Friendly Help Association.—A meeting of the Friendly Help Association was held in Market hall yesterday afternoon. The treasurer read a statement and reported having received contributions from the city, a friend and L. W. F. Cuthing from Mr. Jeffs. A sum of \$100 was given by Miss Curie, Mrs. Dots, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Hunt, Miss. Nora Hunt, Mrs. Smith, Emmanuel P. Lewis, Mrs. A. Lewis and Mrs. Rickaby. The treasurer also reported the receipt of the cash from the legacy of the late Mr. Brackman. The society passed a unanimous vote thankfully acknowledging all the kind donations.

Made in Canada Fair.—A woman's exchange and sale of all kinds of women's handwork, viz.: fancy work, children's clothing, plain sewing, decorated china, painting, curios, home-made cakes, jams, jellies, pickles, scones, will be held in connection with the "Made in Canada" fair, under able management. Consignors are requested to send description of entries to the manager as early as possible so that orders already in hand may be promptly filled. A commission of ten per cent. will be deducted from all sales for the benefit of the King's Daughters' fund. Membership tickets on application to Mrs. A. E. Webster (manager), P. O. Box 185, or at home between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m., car terminus Cadboro Bay road.

Trade With Orient.—A. R. Taft and R. W. Clarke are forming a company to foster trade between Canada and the Orient. In all probability the headquarters of the company will be located in Victoria. Mr. Taft says that those interested are in favor of this city, and his opinion is that it would be more satisfactory than anywhere else. One advantage he points out, is that the city is the first and last calling point of most of the Pacific liners. The company will have agencies at all important commercial points throughout the Dominion and the United States. Although the proposal has not yet been submitted to Mr. Taft, it is the opinion of his friends that in a few years the business transacted will necessitate the establishment of several subsidiary companies to take over different lines of trade.

Special P. O. Notice.—In the Victoria Post Office Guide for April just issued appears the following special notice: Registered letters posted at and addressed to a post office in Canada, may be insured against loss for amounts not exceeding \$25 on payment of the following fees, in addition to the full postage and registered charges, 3 cents; sum of compensation, 10 cents; sum of \$5, 25 cents; \$20, 6 cents; \$25, 12 cents. A letter tendered for insurance must be enclosed in a strong envelope or cover, prominently sealed with gum or wax. Coins, jewelry and other articles of value must be enclosed in sufficiently strong boxes to be put up in accordance with directions furnished by the postmaster. Pictorial post cards, the back of which is covered by a picture, a space may be reserved for communications on the face of the card to the left of the address. This space must be one-half the width of the address, by a vertical line, and the address section shall not be less than 3½ inches long, nor 1½ inches wide. Cards in this form can be used only for places in Canada, United States and France."

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Mount Sicker Stage.—H. Keast, of Duncan, has purchased a new stage for the Mount Sicker route. When snow disappears from the mountain roads he intends to operate two daily stages between those two points.

Return to India.—Rev. James A. Burton and Mrs. Burton and Miss Inez Martell, of Nanaimo, will go to Ladakh in the last week in April to assist the sister Baptist church there in a concert, it being a farewell concert to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, the pastor and his wife, who will return to India in the near future as the representatives of the Baptists of British Columbia.

Change of Pastors.—Rev. W. H. Carr, who has labored at Duncan during the past two years in connection with the Presbyterian denomination, delivered his farewell address Sunday morning last. He intends leaving in a few days for his home in Ontario. Mr. Carr is very highly esteemed among the people throughout the district. His successor Mr. Whitteman arrived a few days ago from Toronto.

Colonial Exhibition.—Farmers and fruit-growers of British Columbia will be interested in the following announcement, which has been forwarded by the Colonist from London: "On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13 and 14, the Royal Horticultural Society will hold an exhibition of colonial fruit and vegetables, together with preserved fruits. The exhibition will be held in the society's new Horticultural hall, in Victoria Square, Westminster."

Easter Social.—This evening in the First Presbyterian church the annual Easter social will be held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, and will be given in the schoolroom. Everything has been done to make the event an enjoyable one, and a pleasant time will assuredly be spent. Among others the following will contribute to the programme: Mrs. Gleeson, Mrs. Laney, Mrs. G. L. Ward, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. J. G. Brown, the last named four in tableau, "Bliss" and Bliss Divided."

To Increase Product.—The Victoria Chemical Company have decided to take up the manufacture of fertilizers and analytic dyes. Both of these are largely used in Japan and China, and may be made and exported from here with a profit. An investment will be required to construct the soil of these Eastern countries, it has lost a great deal of fertility. Consequently expensive fertilizers were in demand. There are several chemical preparations which could be used for this purpose, and it is the intention of the local company to increase their plant almost immediately, so that they may be taken up with as little delay as possible.

J. B. A. A. Balk.—Indications are that the J. B. A. A. Balk on Friday evening will exhibit anything of the kind previously held under the auspices of the association. The music committee have finished their labors, and, after general enquiry, have engaged the Fifth Regiment orchestra, whose reputation is already well known to the dancing public. The sale of tickets is being prosecuted with great vigor. As a result of the pains taken by the decorating committee the hall presents a striking appearance. Bunting, flags, and flowers have been hung in profusion and an exceptionally creditable artistic taste is displayed in their arrangement. The curtain's colors, blue and white, predominate throughout.

Rates to Klondike.—Through passenger rates from lower coast points to Dawson were advanced yesterday from \$150 to \$175. The action was taken at the instance of the White Pass & Yukon Railway, which owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the stage line, will be filled with passengers and drivers between White Horse and Dawson, consider itself warranted in making the increase. The water rates to Skagway remain the same, \$30. From Fort to Dawson the toll is \$145. The increase, transportation men say, will not materially lessen travel. A similar advance in rates comes every year. It is not anticipated that there will be any further increase between now and the opening of navigation on the upper Yukon.

L. O. O. F. Function.—The city lodges of the L. O. O. F. are preparing to give a fitting reception to the delegation from Duncan's lodge, which will pay them a visit on Saturday evening next. It is expected that two or three initiatory members of Duncan's lodge will be brought along, and on whom the three degrees will be conferred. The work will be divided. Duncan's lodge conferring the first degree, Victoria's the second, and the last mentioned lodge the third. The last mentioned lodge will meet this evening and have a final practice of the third degree, when a full attendance is desired. The proceedings on Saturday evening will conclude with refreshments and a social time in the hall.

Dog Show Today.—Today in Philmonte hall the Victoria City Kennel Club's third annual dog show will open. Following is the complete list of entries: Cocker spaniels, 13; English setters, 12; Fox terriers, 18; Collies, 25; Gordon setters, 25; Irish setters, 20; Pointers, 12; Irish wolfhounds, 1; Table dogs, 13; Basset hounds, 2; Chamber spaniels, 2; greyhounds, 2; Blenheim spaniels, 3; Japanese spaniels, 8; Mastiffs, 2; Airedale terriers, 1; Field spaniels, 1; Retrievers, 1; Pugs, 1. Outside entries number 25, as follows: California, 8; Portland, 11; Seattle, 27; Vancouver, 11. Altogether it is an entry showing strength throughout the show, there being high standard of quality. It is safe to say that this third show of the V. V. K. C. will outrank any of its predecessors.

Fishermen's Prices.—Federal Labor Union No. 1 (Indian fishermen) met at Victoria and held a general meeting. It was decided to communicate with the Fraser river unions and amalgamates with regard to the prospects of fishing and prices of fish for the coming season. The question of fly fishing in the Cowichan river was thoroughly discussed, and although it is against the law for others than Indians to fish or hunt on Indian reserves, yet the union would waive that point were it not for the fact that their villages are beset with white fishermen on Sundays only, at the time when they are engaged in fishing service. Complaints were also made that frequently fences are taken down and cattle let into their fields; besides fishermen trampling over and destroying their crops.

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Not Seriously Hurt.—Mr. A. P. Briggs, who was injured in Monday's run-away, is reported to be doing very favorably. He suffered a severe gash in his head. Mr. Briggs had his nose broken, but those in attendance say it is only a question of a few days when he will be around again.

Publishes the Bans.—Quite an unusual occurrence took place at Ladysmith on Sunday. At the morning service of marriage between Mr. F. A. Reid and Miss Ward were read for the third time and at the evening service the prayers of the congregation were said for the prospective bridegroom who is lying dangerously ill and very little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Poundkeeper Resigns.—P. Curran has retired from the position of poundkeeper, in which capacity he has acted for over six years. In explanation of this action he wished it understood that his resignation had not been requested by the council. On the contrary, it was wholly voluntary on his part, the accumulation of debts in compensating him for the loss of a cow which had passed away twenty-two days after he had left his hands being equivalent to him as guardian of the pound.

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Local News.



ALAS! MY POOR BROTHER

Reports Say That Port Arthur Has Been "Bottled Up."

From Montreal Star, March 29th.

Annual Report of Fisheries Inspector

Review of Last Season's Operations Made to the Department.

New Hatchery Constructed at Seton Lake and Other Works.

(Continued from Yesterday's Edition.)

The seaward movement of yearlings in 1902 began with the spring and early in April, and continued to the end of May, and was greatest the first two weeks in May. Very few were noticeable in June. The yearlings issued from the lake at first in small and compact schools, towards dusk, after the sun's rays had left the surface next morning. Often in the afternoon, from a high bluff at the outlet, large schools could be seen coming down the stream. As the season advanced the numbers greatly increased. They moved in a compact school, running head first from the lake into the gentle currents of the outlet. Upon reaching the first pronounced riffle they would turn en masse and head up the stream, circling and moving more or less rapidly in the more quiet stretches before venturing to approach the dam. During the daylight their movements could be closely followed. Upon dark, they could be seen from Seton into Lake Creek to reach the Fraser. Daily observations were made only at Lake creek, so no estimate could be made this year as to which of these lakes rear the greater number of yearlings.

OBSERVATIONS AT LYTTON.

Observations of the movement of fry and yearlings, both in the Fraser and Thompson rivers, were conducted at Lytton by my field assistant, Mr. J. S. Bureau. The Fraser river at Lytton, just above its junction with the Thompson, at low water, is about 125 yards wide, averages eleven feet in depth, and flows at the rate of six miles per hour. During the season it raised 50 feet, at which time it was about 40 yards wide. In April the temperature averaged 36 degrees; May 40 degrees; June, 53 degrees and July, 56 degrees. At all times the water was muddy and turbid, which prevented observation of the fish in the water, their presence could only be ascertained by capturing them in nets. The Thompson joins the Fraser at Lytton, coming from the east through a precipitous gorge at the rate of ten miles per hour. It is about 60 yards wide, from 16 to 23 feet in depth, is fairly clear, and has an average temperature in April of 41 degrees; May, 45 degrees; June, 51 degrees; July, 54 degrees. The clearer waters and higher temperature of the Thompson, as compared with the Fraser, is possibly due to the waters coming from the Shuswap and Kamloops lakes. During the season the Thompson was very high, much larger than in 1903. This sight was amazing, and impressed one with the fact that the percentage of natural fertilization of eggs and the survival of the resulting fry was greater than has been generally believed by the authorities.

That these fish were the product of the spawning of the great run of sockeye in 1901 there can be no reasonable doubt. That they represented the greater proportion of the product seems almost certain, though we know that the number of fry which passed down Lake creek in 1902 was very high, much larger than in 1903. This sight was amazing, and impressed one with the fact that the percentage of natural fertilization of eggs and the survival of the resulting fry was greater than has been generally believed by the authorities. The dam did not retard their movements and caused them to congregate in the creek in greater numbers than they otherwise would have done. Once the school had passed the dam, their movements could not be so fully observed. They appeared to pass rapidly down the stream once they were beyond the dam. Where the water was not broken on the surface they swam down

stream head first, turning only when they were indications of a fall.

The main body which passed the dam descended from Lake and Cayoosh creek to the middle Fraser (about three and a half miles) by 10 a.m., as to considerable numbers could be seen in the creeks after that time.

Of their rate of travel after they reached the Fraser no idea could be formed, nor could we state that they still kept in compact schools. Mr. Rutler estimated that the young, quinault go down the Sacramento river at the rate of ten miles per day, that they travel mostly at night, and said "Muddy water hastens the movement downstream, as does high water, which is usually muddy." If the yearlings move down the Fraser as rapidly as they do down Lake and Cayoosh creeks their rate of speed must exceed ten miles per day, as the Fraser is a much more rapid stream than the Sacramento.

In addition to the movement of yearlings from Seton lake, there was observed large movement from Anderson into Seton through Portage creek. The schools issued from Anderson lake in the same manner as from Seton. All the schools issued from Anderson lake pass from Seton into Lake Creek to reach the Fraser. Daily observations were made only at Lake creek, so no estimate could be made this year as to which of these lakes rear the greater number of yearlings.

YOUNG SOCKEYE AT OTHER POINTS.

Mr. C. B. Sword, Dominion Inspector of Fisheries, furnished me with two sockeye fry, one 1% and the other 1½ inches in length, which he secured from the Fraser River near the mouth, on the 16th of April, 1902, which he said appeared to be passing downstream. Muddy and discolored as the river was at the time, he observed them in considerable numbers.

While sitting on the watchman's platform of a fishtrap off Lopez Island in July, 1902, I observed large schools of young salmon passing in and out of the meshes of the heart of the trap, which appeared to be sockeye, though no specimens could be secured. They moved in the same compact school as the yearlings observed at Seton lake, turning and circling with the same precision which marked their movements there. There was apparently no difference in size, since the experiment trap fisherman at my side stated that schools of these young salmon could be observed every year, but that they were more numerous that season than any other in his experience.

Early in August, 1902, from the deck of a purchased salmon boat, which was being operated on the salmon banks at the east-western end of San Juan island, I noticed many schools of two distinct sizes of young salmon, which I believe were sockeye, and was told by a fisherman who had fished there with a purse-net for the past six years that the young salmon were more numerous than he had ever seen them before, and from their movements was of the opinion that they were sockeye. He stated that early in July there were more of the fry size than in August, and that there were more of the yearling size in the latter month.

The fry and yearlings have many enemies in fresh water. The crops of loons, ospreys, and numerous other water birds which were killed at Seton lake during the migration of 1903, were full of the yearlings. Twentytwo were removed from the crop and throat of one loon. Large lake trout, chad and chum were caught, whose stomachs contained the salmon. In the pool above the dam at Seton lake no less than twentytwo large fish were counted at one time, preying upon the schools of yearlings. The number destroyed by these birds and fish is very great and cannot be prevented. Another source of destruction, more pernicious in its effects on these young fish, was found to exist, which could and should be prevented. On the 2nd of May last, at the head of Portage creek, the outlet of Anderson lake, I found a brush and rock dam which was entered through a funnel-shaped opening of wounding. From the face of the log there were two leader nets extending ten feet to either side, which led the fish into the mouth of the funnel. This net was set on the bottom of the river near the shore, with the mouth and leader nets up stream. It was maintained in its position by means of stakes or anchors. The hand-net used was the ordinary scoop-net employed by the Indians, but was mainly used at night to take fish made visible by lamp light. Daily observations were recorded on tables showing the number and size of

fish taken, which are too cumbersome to be included in this report. The following summary is sufficient to indicate the results of observations at Lytton. There was a seaward movement of both fry and yearlings in the Thompson and Fraser rivers, extending from the 1st of April to July 13th. The movement of fry was greatest in the Thompson, and appeared to be most numerous in April. The movement of yearlings in the Thompson was apparently less than in the Fraser, and like the run of fry, was a month earlier. The average length of fry in both rivers was 1½ inches. The average length of yearlings was three inches. More fry than yearlings were seen, probably because the latter were strong swimmers, more shy, better able from their year of experience to avoid capture, and kept more in the main currents. They both traveled down stream tail first, drifting rather than swimming down. In the muddy waters of the Fraser they seemed to travel as much by day as by night. In the Thompson the movement was always greater at night. Observations will be continued during the coming winter to ascertain at what time the seaward migration first passes Lytton.

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Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as traders and retail grocers, carrying on business at the corner of Douglas and Yates streets, Victoria, B. C., under the name and style of Mowat & Wallace, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will be continued at the old stand by Mr. Robert Mowat, to whom all stock-in-trade, book debts and partnership effects have been assigned, and who has assumed and will pay all partnership liabilities.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 31st March, 1904.

Witness: F. B. GREGORY.

ROBT. MOWAT
WILLIAM O. WALLACE

CARD OF THANKS

Having retired from the firm of Mowat & Wallace, grocers, corner Douglas and Yates streets, Victoria, B. C., I desire to express my thanks to the numerous customers and patrons of the late firm for their loyal support, and to solicit their continued patronage for my successor, Mr. Robert Mowat.

WILLIAM O. WALLACE

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE.

New York, April 5.—The participation reflected yesterday in the stock market on account of the Union Pacific legal fight is getting scarce. Recently \$20 has been offered and it is quite possible that it may be necessary to pay a larger price to obtain a supply. The following prices are being offered f. o. b. dock, Victoria:

Hay, Fraser River per ton	\$15.00
Barley, per ton	25.00
Wheat, per ton	27.00
Onions, per sack, 100 lbs.	30.00
	4.00

PASSENGERS

Passenger steamship Princess Beatrice from Seattle. M. Maguire, J. R. Purce, W. H. Smith, H. Parker, J. W. Hall, J. E. Ward, A. McLean and wife, J. R. Griffith and wife, C. C. McKay, A. P. Rushton, Mrs. Booth, J. Harrison, C. R. Hamilton, J. S. Bruce, K. J. McLean and wife, Mr. Hayward, R. Butler, R. Wilson, D. M. Rogers, Mr. Meekin, W. G. Benham and wife, etc.

A WONDERFUL BOOK.

As a work for popular reference there was probably never compiled a more useful book than Dr. Chase's Recipe Book. Besides containing the symptoms of disease, their cause and cure and the great prescriptions gathered together during half a century of medical practice, this book is replete with receipts for cooking and has a complete department devoted to the care of farm stock, bees, domestic animals, etc. For full particulars write Edmundson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Letters Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap. Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

A SPRING NEED.

Indoor Confinement in Winter Hard on the Health.

Ninety-nine people out of every hundred actually need a tonic during the spring months, and the hundredth person would make no mistake if he too infused a little extra vigor and power into his blood. The reason for this condition is quite apparent. In the desire to make Canadian houses warm during the winter months' ventilation is sacrificed, and the health is impaired. There may be nothing seriously wrong—nothing more than a variable appetite, little pimples or eruptions of the skin; a feeling of weariness, and a desire to sleep; vertigo; perhaps an occasional headache. These may not seem serious; perhaps you may think that the trouble will pass away—but it won't unless you drive it out by putting the blood right with a health-giving tonic.

And there is only one blood-renewing, health-giving, nerve, restoring tonic, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Over and over again it has been proved that these pills cure when other medicines fail, and thousands of grateful people testify that they are the best spring remedies. Miss D. Brown, Cambridge, N. B., Medical Adviser, has advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a few weeks and the trouble entirely disappeared. I think these pills an ideal spring medicine."

If you want to be healthy in spring don't dose your system with harsh, griping purgatives and don't experiment with other remedies. Take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills once a day, and how quickly they will banish all spring ailments. Sold by medicine dealers everywhere, or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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"During my trip in the Transvaal I contracted a heavy cold. I am pleased to state that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gave me prompt relief and after continuing the use for a few days I was entirely rid of the 'disposition,' say Mr. Albert E. Stansby, manager of Anthony-Busch Brewing Association, Cape Town, Africa. This remedy has a world-wide reputation for its cures of colds and can always be depended upon. For sale by all druggists.

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Easter Cards, Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

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Next session begins June 6th. Catalogues free. Address Dr. E. J. Greely, San Francisco.

CUTCH FOR SALE.

Use Clark's Prepared Meats in tins for one or two meals, and note the saving in work, fuel and worry. You cannot improve on the quality. W. Clark, Mfr., Montreal.

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MISS ROSETTE-FRED says he admires me because I am the picture of health.

Miss Palib—Yes, the silly fellow was always crazy for anything hand painted—Life.

FEED

the babies and children on

Scott's Emulsion

You will see an improvement in their little thin bodies at once. They can take it when they even refuse their mothers' milk.

It is essentially a babies' food, surprising in its results. Always the same.

The old steamer Cutch, first of the British Columbia Navigation Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the License Commissioners at the next sitting of their board, for a transfer of the license issued in my name for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Victoria Theatre Building, Imperial Hotel, on View and Douglas streets, in the City of Victoria, Dated at Victoria, this 14th day of March, 1904.

JOHN H. GOSSELIN,

NOTICE.
Thirty days from date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Land and Works for a lease of Trial Islands, Victoria District, and mark with notice posts J. S. P.

J. S. PEARCE,
Victoria, March 14th, 1904.

The following tale is told of the Bishop of London. Having induced that prelatical pastime of asking any small boy or girl in the audience to ask him a question, Dr. Ingram was met by the following: "Please, sir, why did the angels walk up down Jacob's ladder when they had wings?" It is said to record that even the Bishop of London was driven to make the usual humiliating speechable escape by retorting, "What little boy or girl would like to answer this?"

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James H. Erickson, Proprietary and Manager.
Special Easter Week Programme.
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An Act Without an Equal.

First Appearance of

Mr. Walter Kellong

Illustrated Song, "The Faces in the Fire-light."

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The Sylvester Feed Co.

Liberals at War In the Yukon

Strong Effort Being Made to Remove Commissioner Congdon From Office.

Yukon World Declared Official Paper of the Northern Girls.

From Dawson exchanges just to hand it is apparent that the Liberal party in Yukon Territory is badly split. An effort is being made by one faction to remove Commissioner Congdon from office. The Yukon Sun, for the past six years the official organ of the government, has tried to get Congdon out hard, so much so that Congdon has declared the Yukon World, recently established, the official Gazette. Editorial the Sun says: "Another year of Commissioner Congdon and his policy of repudiation, falsehood and double play would kill us and seriously cripple the territory. His mistakes in the Ross campaign would have been forgiven him in consideration of the fact that he gained for himself the commissioner's chair through them. A whole territory, which, if anything, would call him friend, would, but make no attempt to be friendly. This he did not do. He surrounded himself with false friends and paid cheques and put-up representatives of the man who would be a czar. Today there are few men in business or professional life, in mining or labor circles who are poor enough to call him friend. In passing up the work of defending Commissioner Congdon to less tried and fresher hands, we do not lose faith in Yukon's government, for there are officials here who are stronger than he, and able to protect themselves and their branches of the government against him."

Dominion Sulphur and Hunker creeks are numerous damps out this winter, far greater than in any previous winter. Spider Kelly's dump in Upper Dominion is the largest in the country. Wally Young, on Lower Dominion, has probably the largest dump down stream. Nos. 45 and 48 on Hunker have more buckets out to their credit than any other claims. Forty-five Gold Run has over 14,000 buckets out, and good representative on new work and prospecting in Upper Gold Run creek.

The first sluicing of the year has been started on No. 4 above, Bonanza, by Meyer & Campbell, laymen on Charley Lamb's claim. McDonald Bros. on No. 7 above, Bonanza, are also sluicing.

Acting Mayor Abe Spring, of Fairbanks, estimates the clean-up for Tanana this season at \$1,000,000. Many large dumps are out on Cleary and Fairbanks creeks. There is little wage-earning, most property is out on lay or being worked by owners.

Dawson post office will be the main distributing point for supplies for Yukon Territory, with the exception of White Horse. Supplies were formerly sent from Victoria.

A. J. Smith, operating No. 2 below, Dominion, has been badly scalded by steam. While getting points the end blew off, letting steam and boiling water strike the ground and come back over his body. The worst injuries are confined to his face and hands.

In the neighborhood of 1,000 cases of eggs are on the trail, and are due to arrive in Dawson next week. D. D. Sawyer is bringing in 600 cases, and Al Jones also has several hundred. The market is in good condition and importers will realize good profits.

That a big rush for the Tanana is anticipated is evident by the way steamboats are scheduled to leave for that district at the opening of navigation. Steamers Rock Island, Susie, Leah all scheduled to start.

Forty-Mile and Sixty-Mile country is preparing for the spring clean-up. Wade creek has the best showing in the volume of dirt that is out.

The indications are that Chicken Creek will be a big producer, and Stonehouse creek is showing up fine. Water is running in numerous places along Forty-Mile river.

The police department has started its annual spring campaign against filthiness, and the time has come for the spring clean-up on streets of Dawson. As soon as the snow has completely disappeared the police will make a thorough inspection.

A party of ten men have arrived here with dogs, on their way to Koyukuk. All are old-timers and are returning to the diggings satisfied with the previous year's output and chances.

An all-American road will be built between Forty-Mile district and Eazole. At present miners going to the American side from Eagle have to go by way of the town of Forty-Mile, and repeatedly meet both American and Canadian customs officers. The new road will do away with this trouble.

It is possible that the government will take over the remains of the inundation found on Quartz creek. Commissioner Congdon states that it belongs to the government, although it was found thirty feet underground by hard-working miners.

Edward J. Hill, of No. 57 above, Bonanza, died of heart failure. He was formerly of Fresno, Cal. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

P. L'Heureux was badly burned on both hands by the explosion of the celluloid of a stereopticon machine.

Shipyards Busy

On Repairs

Many Vessels Receiving Their Spring Cleaning in Local Harbors.

Mishap to New Steamer Jefferson in the Puyallup River.

Both the Victoria and Esquimalt harbors are busy with shipping undergoing repairs at the present time, and the prospects for a good summer's work are very good. The Victoria Machinery Depot called yesterday for a force of extra men to hasten the work in constructing their new slip. The necessary force was quickly forthcoming, and work on the new slip is being rushed as far as possible. Amongst the vessels now in hand for overhaul and repair may be mentioned the following: Steamer Queen City, Venture, Iroquois, Princess Victoria and the admiralty launches. Sailors, the American four-masted barkentine Americana. One of the early occupants of the drydock will be H. M. S. Bonaventure, for a general overhaul and repainting.

STUCK IN THE MUD.

Steamer Jefferson Aground in Puyallup River Channel.

The new steamer Jefferson, launched Saturday night, is stuck in the Puyallup river channel, says the Admiralty's Tacoma News. Another effort to bring her out into deep water will be made tonight or in the morning at high tide, but if she does not come, then she will probably remain where she is until another full tide which will be in about a week.

The new craft was to have been brought out of the river Sunday morning. The tide was then about five inches higher than it was this morning, but owing to delays in getting the vessel ready, the first attempt to bring her out was not made until this morning. She was brought about half way out, but became stuck on a sand bank. All efforts of the two tugs, Peacock and Falcon, to budge her failed.

The hull was drawing about nine feet aft and about seven feet forward. The hull had been turned about in the river and was coming out bow first. She struck aft. It is thought possible to remove some weight from the stern and put it forward, thus evening her on her keel and giving her a draft of about eight feet. Part of this may be accomplished by removing her propeller, which weighs something over three tons, and putting it forward. If this is not sufficient to let her over the shoal spots, it is explained by the tug men that she can be floated and ride over the sand on her bilge.

ALASKA CORPORATIONS.

New Officers of Northwestern Commercial & Steamship Companies.

Officers and directors for the Northwestern Commercial Company and the Northwestern Steamship Company were elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders, held Monday in the offices of the Northwestern Commercial Company in the Pioneer Building, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The Northwestern Commercial Company is the strongest organization of the Northwestern Steamship Company, which is to operate the steamships Victoria, Tacoma and Olympia, recently purchased by the former corporation; also the gasoline schooner Barbara Henster and the sailing schooner Lily L.

The Northwestern Commercial Company stockholders elected directors for the ensuing year as follows: John Rose, Moritz Thomson, W. D. Holms, J. D. Tremolone, Capt. George J. Willey, C. W. Jacobs, all of Seattle; A. J. Trimble, of Chicago, and Charles W. Hogan, of New York.

John Rose was made president, Moritz Thomson first vice-president, George T. Williams second vice-president, W. D. Holms treasurer, J. D. Tremolone secretary and W. T. Perkins auditor.

The officers selected for the Northwestern Steamship Company are: John Rose, second vice-president and general manager; Moritz Thomson, treasurer; J. D. Tremolone, secretary.

It is the intention of the board, if the bylaw receives the sanction of the ratifiers, to proceed at once with the purchase of a site and the erection of an eight-story brick building in Victoria West. For the relief of the Central schools the board contemplates only a smaller building.

There are now five schools offering instruction for all grades of pupils below the High school; these are the Victoria West, Boys' Central, Girls' Central, North Ward and South Park. Besides there are four primary schools which serve as feeders to the larger schools: Rock Bay and Hillside to the north ward; Spring Ridge to the Central schools, and Kingston Street to the South Park. Leaving out of consideration the Victoria West and South Park districts, additional accommodation for the rest of the city might be provided in one of four different ways:

1. By establishing another independent school for all grades.

2. By establishing a three or four department primary school as another feeder to either the Central or North Ward school.

3. By establishing small, ungraded schools in the sections of the city which are most remote from the existing schools.

4. By adding to the classroom accommodation at the Central school.

The board has decided to adopt the last of these four methods because the number of children living in any section of one of the existing schools is already too small to justify even a one-room school for their immediate neighborhood, and because by readjustment of the limits of the various districts from which the pupils are drawn to the respective schools, the additional accommodation proposed at the Central school will make relief possible not only for the Central and North Ward schools, but for the South Park as well. In other words, it is the intention of the board, in the event of the bylaw passing, to erect a substantial building on the Central reserve in order to obtain the largest measure of relief to the schools at the least possible cost to the ratifiers.

Marine Notes.

Steamer Hero, from Ladysmith with 5,000 tons of coal for San Francisco, passed out yesterday forenoon.

Steamer Wyndham was due to pass in from Namibia from Port Los Angeles last evening.

Steamer Agamemnon completed discharging her Victoria cargo last night and sailed for Vancouver at daylight this morning.

H. M. S. Egeria, naval survey ship, left Esquimalt for Namibia yesterday morning.

Steamer Oscar, with a consignment of 125 tons of copper matte from Ladysmith, arrived at the Tacoma smelter Monday. She took out from Tacoma 8941 tons of feed.

Ship Lamorna is posted on the re-insurance list at \$7.

Steamer Victor, of the Northern Pacific line, is bringing 400 tons of freight for this port. She left Yokohama for Victoria on March 29th.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Interesting Reports From Mr. Tufts and Secretary Cuthbert.

The regular weekly meeting of the Tourist Association was held in their rooms yesterday afternoon, Mayor Barnard and the other members of the executive being present. A number of letters were read from residents of the eastern part of Canada complaining of the very severe winter and having read of making their future homes in small farms, land, etc. A communication was also read from their energetic secretary, Mr. Cuthbert, who is now in Los Angeles. He is doing grand work, interviewing the various boards of trade throughout California and placing the association's literature all through the state.

Mr. Tufts, who has recently returned from an extended trip to Japan, was in attendance at the meeting, and gave those present some very interesting and useful information on the practicability of the association's distributing their literature throughout the Far East, and advertising British Columbia.

During the past week the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Company granted 10 loans amounting to \$21,275.

Recovering from Injury—J. McNeil, who met with an accident on Sunday by being struck by an engine on the E. & N. line, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

It is possible that the government will take over the remains of the inundation found on Quartz creek. Commissioner Congdon states that it belongs to the government, although it was found thirty feet underground by hard-working miners.

Edward J. Hill, of No. 57 above, Bonanza, died of heart failure. He was formerly of Fresno, Cal. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

P. L'Heureux was badly burned on both hands by the explosion of the celluloid of a stereopticon machine.

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Local Company to Make a Display at Winnipeg.

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This company commenced business last November with the Never Fail Cancer Cure, since that time they have added Never Fail Tonic and Blood Purifier, Never Fail Ointment, Never Fail Eye Lotion and have secured the right to manufacture a new Cereal Coffee which is pronounced superior to any on the market. The company claims their product is the only one which will not deteriorate. Its virtues will be demonstrated at the Dominion Exhibition in Winnipeg and at the Toronto exhibition in September. The success of this company has been phenomenal and points to its becoming a large enterprise. Advertising is being pushed in the East, but the manager states that the support received from the Victoria people will determine where both medicine and cereal will be manufactured.

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W. JONES, Auctioneer.

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